

ISLAND LOCALS.

ABOUT TOWNS.
Hillside catches are still in vogue.

The weather during the past week has been pleasant and breezy.

The Hawaiian Hotel has again introduced the electric light into the billiard room.

The Gazette returns thanks to Purser Sutton for full files of Auckland papers.

Mr. J. H. May, of the Volcano House, Hawaii, is in town, and reports the crater active.

Saturday, December 19th, will be Christmas Day, and the Gazette tenders the compliments of the season to its numerous readers.

The noted English yachtsman, Mr. James Ashbury, was a through passenger by the Alameda.

Late foreign news may be looked for Saturday by the Zealandia, en route for the Columbia.

The steamer Australia sails to-morrow, at 11 noon, for San Francisco, taking mails and passengers.

Queen's Hospital will celebrate her fifty-second anniversary, on Friday, December 31, at Island Palace.

Saturday evening, His Majesty was present at Messrs. E. P. Adams & Co.'s evening sale of holiday goods.

Mr. E. B. Thomas, the builder, received \$4,000 of the Eureka, from San Francisco, on Saturday.

Mr. E. W. Tucker, wife and family were passengers for San Francisco, by the Alameda. Bon voyage.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Mott Smith and the Misses Smith are in London, England, and will return there for some time.

Purser Sutton, of the Alameda, reports that the British steamer Explorer sailed from Apia, Samoa, Dec. 4th, for Honolulu.

Next Sunday evening, Dec. 26th, there will be a Prize Service at 7:30 o'clock, at Fort St. Church, to which all are cordially invited.

The Alameda's run from Sydney to Auckland was accomplished in 11 days, 16 hours and 7 minutes. The distance between these two ports is 1,200 miles.

The authorities Choo Hoo is not well still. The three hundred dollars reward don't seem to work. Choo has retired to enjoy the holiday season in quiet.

Nothing to some unexplained reason Joe Womans and his promised show did not arrive by the Australia last Wednesday. Perhaps the elephant was sick.

The steamer Waiakale, which arrived on Thursday last from Honolulu, brought over 2,000 bags of new crop sugar from that place. Purser White reports rough weather all along the Hawaiian coast.

Lieut. General Dornier last week presented His Majesty with a splendid star and cross set with a large number of gems. The presentation was made by Gov. Lauka.

Nearly every vessel arriving from San Francisco brings a stock load of hogs. The schooner W. H. Diamond, which arrived Friday, had five hundred porkers as passengers, and only lost six on the passage.

Messrs. Hollister & Co., issue some neat calendars for 1887. They are tastefully gotten up by Messrs. Lorillard & Co., of New York, and bear handsome devices which cannot fail to please the eye of the beholder.

L. P. Smith has gone East to purchase additional incandescent electric lights for the Palace—which the tax payer will find in full two years hence. Hint: the city: let the common herd look out for their shins in the dark.

Two gentlemen walking up the valley about 11 o'clock one evening last week, were accompanied to find a policeman near the corner of Nussan and School Streets, and were awake at that. Hurrah, the good time draws nigh.

Miss Chifferting has removed her millinery establishment from Mrs. Lack's store to more commodious quarters in the Nicoll block, just above Hotel street, where she will be better able to accommodate her numerous lady friends.

The Alameda carried a large mail from the Post Office here for the Coast and East. Over 6,000 letters and 1,120 papers and packages were dispatched—besides a large mail by the W. G. Hall—making it a busy day for the "ships" in the office.

Purser Bodolfe, of the Australia, is an old employee of the Pacific Coast Navigation Company, and is very popular with the trading public on the coast. No doubt he will soon become equally so with the island folks—they take to civility kindly.

Honolulu shopkeepers are making ample preparations for the approaching Holidays, and the stores are filled with desirable goods suitable for presents. A look at the displays made by these dealers is well worth the trouble. The window decorations are tasty and elaborate.

On Friday evening the Myrtle Boat Club elected the following officers: President, W. C. King; Vice President, M. D. Mousarrat; Secretary, A. M. Brown; Treasurer, C. T. Wilder; Captain, James L. Torbert; Trustees—W. C. Wilder, Jr., A. W. Carter and Alex. Robertson.

Mr. J. H. Soper, in addition to his own place of business, will temporarily occupy Mr. L. B. Kerr's store adjoining, during the "rush" of the Holiday season. The latter store will be confined to the news department, and subscribers will please drop in there for their papers.

Mr. Wm. Noble, who will be remembered here as the eloquent temperance lecturer, was a through passenger by the Alameda for San Francisco and home. Sickened by Noble's family in England was the cause of his hasty return, before his labors in the Colonies were brought to a finish.

The Australia brought fifty-six passengers for this port, many of whom are old residents who have been spending extended vacations abroad, viz: Mrs. J. B. Alberton, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Robertson, H. J. Agnew and wife, J. A. Hopper and wife, the Misses Hopper, F. Halstead and J. A. Rodnet and wife. The Australia had over 1,000 tons of assorted merchandise for this port.

H. P. Baldwin, Esq., of Hamakua, received a fine young stallion, by the Alameda, from Sydney. The animal is a fine dark bay, with black points, and is sired by Tatterson, and the latter by a celebrated winner of the Derby. This horse will prove a valuable acquisition to the raisers of fine horse stock on these islands, and to Mr. Baldwin belongs the credit of introducing a superior horse, which will be beneficial to all.

Mr. R. L. Aberbach, for some time past book keeper for Mr. J. L. Levey, and latterly with Mr. J. H. Soper, retires on the 28th to take the position of bookkeeper on the Kilauea Plantation, Kilauea, a position he formerly held, and again resumes at the request of the managers. It is a healthy sign when a gentleman is asked to resume his old position, and is an indication that he is the "right man in the right place." Mr. Aberbach's many friends wish him success and prosperity in his "old" field of labor.

Mr. Masaki, a Japanese prisoner confined in Oahu Prison, for assault with a knife on his wife, and who had also made an attempt on his own life by cutting his throat, finally succeeded in his efforts by hanging himself, by means of a ash which he wore, on Monday afternoon. He made one end of the

sash fast to the bars of the cell and the other end around his neck, which proved successful in shutting off his wind. A Coroner's inquest was held on the body, and the jury returned a verdict of "suicide by hanging" under mental aberration.

The steamer Kilauea sailed yesterday for Hilo, and will return Friday.

Mr. A. B. Speckels, of the firm of J. D. Speckels & Bros., San Francisco, who has been spending a few weeks vacation here, returned home by the Alameda on Friday.

Mr. James Kenton, of the Union Mill, Kohala, was in town Saturday, on business, and returned home by the Kilauea yesterday. Mr. Kenton reports the crops in fine condition and the mills all about starting up for the season's grind which he says will be a good one.

The bark Amelia, which touched a sunken rock in Hilo Bay recently, after discharging here, went on the railway and was found to have sustained only slight damage which was speedily repaired, and the vessel launched again. She will load for San Francisco.

On Saturday, Messrs. E. P. Adams & Co. sold a large invoice of liquors, embracing all grades, from Champagne to Ale and Beer. Here was a fine opportunity to replenish the sideboard with drinkables both mild and strong, including a supply of the "sand paper" quality.

The old Sailors' Home lot, fronting on Merchant and Bethel Streets, is being graded, the old cellar filled up, and the lot otherwise improved preparatory to transforming it into a square, facing the Station House on Merchant Street, and the Post Office on Bethel St. How would the name "Kilo-kilo" Square sound.

An ordination was held in the pro-Cathedral on Sunday, on which occasion Mr. Herbert A. Gower was ordained a deacon. In the afternoon a confirmation service was held. Fifteen candidates were presented by the Rev. A. Mackintosh—two male and thirteen female. The service was both in English and native.

His Majesty has been pleased to confer on Attorney-General Rosa, major on his staff, the insignia of a Grand Officer; on Governor Lauka, Colonel, that of the Grand Cross; and Majors Hayley and Cornwell, that of the Knight Commander. These are above the rank of the Royal Order of Kalahele. There were present to witness the above presentation, His Majesty's Ministers and several gentlemen who generally contrive to place their legs under the Royal table on festive occasions. The first above named gentlemen are all doing well under the circumstances, and their friends need have no fears for them.

An ex-engineer of the Kalahele railroad, E. G. Parker, made a futile attempt to "skip" by the Alameda, Friday afternoon. His little canoe was "bleeded" by his numerous friends here, who did not wish the idea of his quietly tearing himself away, and for fear that he might do something "rash" stopped his passport, and had him cared for at the Government Hotel on Merchant Street. It seems Parker had sent his family off by a sailing vessel on Thursday, and intended following the next day by the steamer—but "the best laid schemes of men and mice gang aft aglee."

On Friday last, Mr. Pierre Jones' son, aged two years, fell from the upper veranda of their residence, Nussan Avenue, just above the first bridge, a distance of nearly twenty feet to the ground. It seems the young lad was playing on the veranda when he accidentally went over, and in his descent was fortunate enough to fall on a trellis supporting a vine, which broke the fall, and in all probability saved the child's life. He was immediately picked up and cared for. Outside of being badly shook up, the little fellow fortunately did not seem to have sustained any serious injury.

The *Luna Hawaiian* has this week a very sensible article on the fact that many of the Portuguese laborers whose contracts had expired in November last, are leaving the plantations and flocking down to Honolulu in quest of work. They are severely blamed for that rash course, and advised not to leave the plantations without very good cause, especially during these hard times, when labor here is scarce. Significant as it is, much to the credit of the *Luna*, and in the interest of the laborers; and it is a proven fact that, but for the efforts of the Portuguese organ, the migratory tendency of those laborers would have been much greater still. Last number of *Luna* is altogether very good and worthy of perusal.

Mr. John Cassidy, Superintendent of the Bell Telephone in this city, has invented and placed in operation in the central office a new device, whereby the whole of the officers of the fire brigade can be rung up simultaneously with the Bell Tower. The instrument is in the form of a clock face, with all the officers' numbers, and a single hand on it. By giving the hand one turn round the face all the fire numbers ring an alarm at the same instant with the Bell Tower, thereby preventing the delay attending ringing up each officer separately. The invention is said to work like a charm, and great credit is due Mr. Cassidy in introducing anything which will give a fire alarm in the shortest possible time to all the department officers.

At Home.

By the Australia, Mr. W. G. Irwin and wife (whose marriage in San Francisco was recently noticed in the *Gazette*) arrived home, and were warmly and cordially welcomed by their numerous friends. Mr. and Mrs. Irwin went to their town residence on Fort street.

Quacking in Court.

On Thursday last, a case of duck stealing came before Judge Bickerton, in which the Hon. Paul Newman's abilities were engaged. It seems that a well known Celestial has a well stocked duck ranch at Waikiki, where another of his countrymen conceived the happy idea of starting in the same line of business, nearer town, and in no time had a full-fledged stock of ducks on hand ready for the market. This astonished the Waikiki Celestial, who "counted heads" in his ranch and found a large number of his ducks missing; whereupon the Waikiki rancher sued out a warrant for the new ranch owner, and had him brought before the Justice, ducks and all. The Court room was filled with Celestials and ducks, the latter setting up such a "quacking" as was never heard in a Court room before, convulsing all present with laughter—even the Court and learned counsel were sensibly affected—which, but the time being completely paralyzed business, until the Judge sternly ordered the ducks removed to the yard where they (the ducks) could plead their own case their own way, and leave the Court unbiased by "quacking" to pursue the even tenor of its way—which it immediately proceeded to do—settling the case on its merits, without "quacking."

The Steamship Australia.

The steamship Australia is now in charge of Captain H. C. Hoodlett, formerly of the W. H. Diamond, and was then known to many of the residents of the island as the popular commander. Captain Hoodlett's promotion to the command of one of the finest steamers in the Pacific is an additional mark of approval on the part of the Oceanic Steamship Company, which will be readily endorsed by all who have had the pleasure of his acquaintance, or who have had the pleasure of his command. He is a thorough sailor and a gentleman, and has a pleasant word for all with whom he comes in contact, and under his management, the Australia cannot fail to become a favorite with the traveling public. The officers of the Australia are: H. C. Hoodlett, Chief Commander; R. P. Lawless, Chief Officer; M. H. Bedolfe, Purser; J. Muirhead, Chief Engineer; H. Laidlaw, Doctor—who are all popular gentlemen, and cannot fail to make those "at home" who are temporarily in their charge.

A Model Plantation.

EDITOR *GAZETTE*—I have just visited a plantation from which I derived much useful information and pleasure. It was one of those places where one sees every thing to admire and nothing to condemn. Thinking your readers might be interested, I have jotted down a few notes. This plantation belongs to Mr. A. Lydgate and Mr. R. McKenzie. It is situated very near Laupahoehoe, and when viewed from the highest land presents one of the best views of a plantation that I have had the pleasure of seeing. One can stand on this place and see miles and miles of cane, every field, and almost every one working. As the land slopes gradually from this point in both directions, as well as down toward the sea, one can see every varying shade of growth, from the young plant to the full grown cane.

But this view is not by any means the best thing about this place. By far the best thing that one notices is the good order, systematic management, and thorough method of cultivation.

After the land is cleared, the soil is plowed once, twice, if possible, and harrowed three times. Then it is furrowed out for planting. The soil is selected with care, and judgment, is planted twelve inches apart, from centre to centre. Sometimes it is planted fifteen inches, according to the land.

This young cane no sooner starts to grow than the cultivation commences in a most vigorous manner, and continues as long as it is possible for the man to get through the cane. There are twenty-six cultivators and plows used for this purpose alone, which are kept constantly in use; the cultivators being used most of the time, the plows only occasionally. The hoe is only used in the cane rows, and does that which the cultivators cannot do. This cultivation is kept up constantly whether there is any grass or weeds, or not.

It is done mainly to pulverize the soil and to keep it moist so that it will readily absorb air. The advantages derived from this method are everywhere seen.

While this cultivating is in progress in one part of the field, the cane in being done in another part.

The importance and benefit of constant tramping the cane is very apparent, as it admits abundance of air and light, two things which are as necessary to the cane as to the soil, and without which neither will attain its full use or strength.

The grown cane could not possibly look any better; it is trashed from the ground almost to the top, and looks strong and rich in succharine matter. Most of it stands as straight as a dart, standing so erect with waving plumes and drooping leaves, it makes a beautiful picture. The cane contains about fifteen sticks to the stole or stool, and will yield not less than five tons to the acre. The average of the rest will probably yield over four tons. This is considered a good crop for the Hilo district.

There is one piece of, or field of, ratoon of 300 acres which is probably the best seen in this district. It is growing vigorously and is very strong and thick, being equal to most of the plants seen here. This good crop is partly attributed to the new method of manuring which is to make a deep furrow between the cane rows and bury the cane tops and trash deep in the soil; it soon decays and makes the best kind of manure.

There are about sixteen or seventeen hundred acres of cane growing on this place all of which is in splendid condition. The soil is free from grass and weeds, the matured cane from superfluous leaves.

The agricultural implements are of the best design and material, and are kept in good order. All the repairs that are made are done to stay, no "stick and string" or makeshift job being seen. The tools of all kinds as well as the harness and mules, are examined every night by the manager, and if anything is out of order it is remedied at once and under his supervision.

Besides this, there is a place for every thing and every thing is kept there, when not in use. One does not see any old plows or tools of any kind lying around, as every thing is repaired and put away when no longer wanted.

The stock consists mainly of California mules and horses. They work hard but are in fine condition. This I attribute to the way they are taken care of. They are fed regularly on barley, hay and cane, the cane and hay being cut up fine, and the barley ground. They have a clean bed every night, and have every care and comfort it is possible to give them.

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